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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KAZUHITO TAKANASHI ET AL.) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: 10/754,531) Group Art Unit: 1746
Filed: January 12, 2004)
For: ETCHING METHOD) May 12, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

Prior to conducting the examination on the merits, please amend the
above-captioned application as follows and consider the following remarks.